

Sterling Town Council Meeting

May 14, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Randall Cox; Council Members: Scott Johnson, Yvonne Larsen, Marilyn Lyon, and Curtis Ludvigson;
Clerk/Recorder, Stacey Lyon

Town Members Present: Sheila Bringhurst, Garry Bringhurst

Also Present: Jeff Hendricks, Danielle Hendricks, Jay Hendricks

Roll call: Yvonne; here; Scott, here; Marilyn is coming, Curtis is here, Mayor Cox is here, and Stacey is here.

Audience and Council stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes are read from April's meeting.

Yvonne makes the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Marilyn, all in favor, motion passed.

Votes were cast as follows: Curtis, aye; Yvonne, aye; Marilyn, aye; Scott, aye.

- Jeff Hendricks is here presenting his building plans on his property and is asking for a culinary water connection. Their property is located in the creek bottom on the west side of the highway. They would like to put a small home on the property on the south side of the creek. They need to get approval from the Town and then submit their plans to Scott Olsen in the County Building Inspectors Office. Curtis, Yvonne, and Scott are concerned about them building in a flood zone and that the Building Inspectors Office would give them a building permit. Mr. Hendricks states that he just needs to follow the ordinance saying they need to have 2 foot footers above the water line. There is also a concern about getting a fire truck and emergency vehicles down to the home. The driveway going down to Mr. Hendricks property is narrow and steep. Mr. Hendricks states that they have improved the driveway with road base and gravel. Nick, Sterling Fire Chief, walks in about 7:20 and is caught up to speed on the issue presented. Nick says that there is no way he can get a structure engine down there. Nick could get a brush truck if needs be. Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks understand and accept the liability if there was ever a fire. Mayor Cox has no problem with providing the water connection. Curtis quickly looks through one of Sterling's ordinances and finds nothing that would prevent the approval.

Curtis makes the motion to approve the culinary water hook up on the Jeff Hendricks property located on the south west side of the highway in the creek bottom and building of the home, seconded by Marilyn, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Curtis, aye; Yvonne, aye; Marilyn, aye; Scott, aye.

- Stacey explains the Six County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Of 2015-2020. Emery with Six Counties Association of Governments approached both Mayor Cox and Stacey about adopting this resolution. The adoption of this resolution allows the Town of Sterling and Sanpete County to apply for FEMA money should the need ever arise.

Motion is made by Scott to adopt resolution 05142016, seconded by Marilyn, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Curtis, aye; Yvonne, aye; Marilyn, aye; Scott, aye.

Nick

- Nick and Mayor Cox went to a meeting on May 9 regarding the way the cost of wildland fires are billed from the State of Utah. From now on if there is a wildland fire that starts within Town limits and escapes outside Town limits the Town would be responsible for the damages and cost of fighting the fire. This puts a huge liability on the Town and Nick would like to get a resolution adopted regarding fire policies. Stacey will help Nick get something put together.

- New brush truck is pushed back 3 weeks and probably won't see it until August. Originally it was thought that the Town would need to equip the truck but after in the end there was enough money left over to equip the truck with everything except a chain saw.
- Nick has gotten the fireworks for the July 24 celebration ordered.

Mayor Cox

- Mayor Cox wants to know if we want to discuss the collection of the Fire District and Landfill fees. The Council said yes and Mayor Cox said to wait for a second because he was up to the Drinking Water Division requesting funds to redo the springs. The Drinking Water Division offered the Town a \$300,000, 100% loan at 2.5 percent interest with a 20 year term, NO grant. Stacey and Mayor Cox figured out the cost and for the repayment it would cost about \$15,000 per year or \$1,250 a month. At that rate we would need to raise the water bill \$9.69 per month. Mayor Cox does not want to see us put the Fire District and Landfill fees on the water bill if we need to raise the water rates to cover the loan payment. Mayor Cox feels real strongly that we need to deal with redeveloping our water source sooner than later.

Scott wants to know if we need to decide tonight if we want to accept and approve the \$300,000 loan from the Drinking Water Division. Yvonne explains that we need to decide by May 31 because she has to report it on the CDBG application. Curtis steps out with a phone call from a member of the Drinking Water Board. Curtis comes back and asks Mayor Cox how confident he is with Lynn Wall, the engineer. Mayor Cox is pretty confident and has worked with him over the years. Curtis and the Drinking Water Board are concerned about the stability of the upper spring and the proposed way of doing the work. Curtis says that he thinks that we should turn down the offer made by the Drinking Water Board and risk losing the CDBG money. He and Scott both feel we are not ready to attack this project. There are too many unknowns such as; how we are going to do the work, if we can get equipment on the forest service ground, etc. Curtis also thinks that before we make any decision either way we need to find out if the Forest Service is even going to let us take equipment up to the springs.

- Mayor Cox wants to talk about the lawn mower. The Kubota lawn mower's motor has blown. Mayor Cox has talked to Brian Fowles and he will mow the park and cemetery for 1000 a month. Yvonne wonders if we could have the lawn mowed every 10 days to save money. Curtis said that we could purchase a mower similar to the one that we have through GIC \$7,500 for a Huskavarna. Scott says that they are not very good mowers. Scott has done some research and he believes that a John Deere mower would be our best bet. The dealer is in Fairview and we would have to travel to Fairview for services, etc. Stacey has reviewed the budget and there is not an extra \$7,500. Curt reviews the financial statement and says that we could take the little extra from all the line items we could swing it. Stacey reminds Curt that there is still 2 months worth of bills that need to be paid and she was not comfortable with that. Mayor Cox asks how much she feels we could afford. Stacey says that more than \$2,500 would be too big of a stretch. There is discussion about having the bill split in half and billed in two different budget years. Curtis doesn't understand why we don't have much left over in the budget because he thought we were doing well when it came to the budget. Stacey explains that we are still looking ok but there is not any room for these kinds of emergencies. The budget is trimmed to things that we need and there have been so many things here and there that has added up.

The July 24 Celebration is one thing that cost a lot more than expected. Some of the Council feel that we should just cancel the July 24th Celebration. They are struggling because there are not many Town residents that come and participate on the day and it has been difficult to recruit volunteers to help put the day together. The cost for the Celebration in 2015 was just shy of \$5,000 and our revenue nowhere covered that. The expense covered fireworks, games and prizes, fireworks, and a free dinner. We need to come closer to covering our costs. The idea was brought up that maybe we should cancel the 24th Celebration.

Scott feels that we have talked about several things but have not acted on any of them. Mayor Cox asks the Council if they are ready to vote on the collection of the landfill and fire fees on the water bill, they are.

Curtis makes the motion to begin collecting the landfill and fire district fee on the Town's water bill, seconded by Scott, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Curtis, aye; Yvonne, aye; Marilyn, aye; Scott, aye.

Garry Bringhurst will get information from Stacey and she will get with Ilene Roth and get this set up. Stacey and Yvonne will get things set up and start the collecting the fees in a couple months.

Mayor Cox asks Curtis if the \$2,500 mower would be sufficient to mow the lawns with, Curtis responds that it would work fine. Curtis will do some checking around and see where he can get the best mower for the money he is allotted. Mayor Cox calls for a vote regarding the purchasing of a lawn mower.

Scott makes the motion to purchase a lawn mower for no more than \$2,500, seconded by Marilyn, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Curtis, aye; Yvonne, aye; Marilyn, aye; Scott, aye.

Mayor Cox does not want to see the July 24th Celebration cancelled. He asks the Council what they think. The Council feel it is getting to hard to get volunteers. The Council is doing a lot of the work and is not able to spend any of the day with their families. The Council would be ok cancelling the July 24th Celebration.

Scott makes the motion to cancel the July 24th Celebration for 2016, seconded by Curtis, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Curtis, aye; Yvonne, aye; Marilyn, aye; Scott, aye.

Mayor Cox asks if anybody has anything else they want to discuss. The Council responds that they do not.

Bills are read as follows:

Check #	Vendor	Amount	Check #	Vendor	Amount
5954	Anderson, Randy W	277.05	5968	Mountainland Supply Co.	363.79
5955	Larsen, Yvonne	177.32	5969	North Sanpete Disposal	22.00
5956	Ludvigson, Curtis	589.19	5970	Pelorus Methods	750.00
5957	Lyon, Stacey	382.33	5971	Questar Gas	88.27
5958	7 Plus Equipment	349.19	5972	Rasmussen Ace Hardware	46.78
5959	Alvey Lumber	179.80	5973	Rocky Mountain Power	814.82
5960	Bankcard Center	2,028.00	5974	Sanpete County Auditor	261.50
5961	Harmon's Hardware	11.65	5975	Sanpete Messenger	52.00
5962	Intermountain Farmers Assoc.	349.97	5976	Scholzen Products	4,558.61
5963	Jensen Excavating	645.00	5977	The Sterling Station	104.63
5964	Johnson, Brandon	495.00	5978	Triple S Agriculture	118.90
5965	Larsen, Yvonne	138.56	5979	Utah League for Cities and Town	122.55
5966	Manti Telephone	104.23	5980	Zions Bank	406.09
5967	Market Fresh	90.17	5981	The Sterling Station	68.01

Motion is made by Yvonne to pay the bills as read, seconded by Marilyn, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Curtis, aye, Yvonne, aye; Marilyn, aye; Scott, aye.

Motion made by Marilyn to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 pm, seconded by Scott, all in favor, motion passed. Votes were cast as follows: Curtis, aye; Yvonne, aye; Marilyn, aye; Scott, aye.